

[6th February 1925]

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (a) may I request the hon. the Law Member to collect and supply the information ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ The number of sessions cases disposed of from 9th December 1922 to 31st July 1923 is 34 and the number of civil cases disposed of between 1st February 1923 to 30th November 1924 is 415.”

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ Sir, there seems to be some mistake. Clause (a) refers to the work turned out by the Additional Sessions Judge of the Agency tracts. Clause (c) asks whether in addition to the sessions work any other work is done by him (Additional Sessions Judge for the Agency Tracts), and, if so, the nature thereof. The answer is ‘ he does not attend to any other work ’. The hon. the Law Member I understood to say that the number of civil cases disposed of by him was 415, etc. May I request the hon. the Law Member to explain the position ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ That is the Additional Sessions Judge.”

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ Arising out of the answer to clause (d), may I request the hon. the Law Member to tell us whether he intends to do away with this office after the period of five months as indicated therein ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ We have not yet decided what to do.”

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—“ May I know why they have provided only for five months ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ We want to see how far the necessity therefor was established.”

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—“ Is the Government going to examine the question whether it is necessary to have it or not after five months ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Yes, Sir.”

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—“ May I know with reference to clause (f) why Mr. Arndt was placed in charge of the Vizagapatam sessions for a period of two or three months instead of appointing a separate officer for that court ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Notice, Sir.”

### Executive Council.

#### *Reduction in the number of Members of the Executive Council.*

\* 166 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received orders from the Secretary of State on the recommendations of the Legislative Council to reduce the number of Executive Councillors ; and

(b) if so, whether they will place the papers or the order on the table ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.



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Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—“ Are we to understand that no order has been passed by the Secretary of State on the resolution of this Council reducing the strength of the Executive Councillors to three ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ That is so.”

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—“ May I request the Government to tell us when we can expect orders from the Secretary of State on the matter ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ That is beyond my knowledge.”

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—“ May I know how many times this Government have reminded the Secretary of State in the matter ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ No, this Government do not remind the Secretary of State at all.”

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—“ Is it a fact that on no subject this Government reminds the Secretary of State for his orders ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ It is not usual.”

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—“ Has the correspondence in the matter been concluded or is it still going on ? ”

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—“ Has there been any correspondence in the matter since the resolution was passed or no correspondence at all ? ”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“ Is it possible for the Government to divulge what opinion they have given to the Secretary of State in the matter ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ I am afraid it is impossible.”

Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB :—“ Was the recommendation ever communicated, Sir ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ The resolution of this Council was forwarded to the Government of India for the purpose of being communicated to the Secretary of State.”

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—“ May we know the opinion this Government expressed on the resolution ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The Government have declined to answer that.”

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—“ Have the Government any information as to whether that resolution has been forwarded to the Secretary of State or it has been stopped in the Secretariat of the Government of India ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ We presume that it has been forwarded.”

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—“ What is the procedure for forwarding papers to the Government of India and what is the procedure of preventing papers stopping there if we cannot issue reminders ? ”

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—“ There are statutory rules on the subject to which I must refer the hon. Member.”